Alabama Baptist Historical Society

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Tuskegee Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT NOTASULGA, ALA.,

October 15th and 16th, 1890.

OFFICERS:

ELD. G. A. HORNADY.....MODERATOR.....Tuskegee, Ala.
ELD. C. W. BUCK.....CLERK.....Salem, Ala.
E. W. SOLOMONS.....TREASURER.....Salem, Ala.

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ELD. C. W. BUCK.....Salem, Ala.
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" H. C. SAUNDERS.....Notasulga, Ala.
" G. W. COX.....Notasulga, Ala.
" JOHN J. CLOUD.....LaPlace, Ala.
" W. E. LLOYD. .....Auburn, Ala.
" F. T. HUDSON.....Auburn, Ala.
" J. W. QUARLES.....Auburn, Ala.
" H. W. GARLINGTON .....Opelika, Ala.
" J. E. HERRING.....Opelika, Ala.
" S. B. GRIMES.....Society Hill, Ala.
" G. A. HORNADY.....Tuskegee, Ala.
" J. B. CLEMENTS.....Marvyn, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Services.
2. Read Letters from Churches and Enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to Seats with us.
4. Organize by Electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Auditing, Documents and State of Religion, Finance, Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, and Deceased Ministers.
8. Appoint Correspondence to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear Reports from the several Committees Appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report, and Report of the Auditing Committee.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes, and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

MINUTES.

NOTASULGA, MACON CO., ALA., Oct. 15, 1890.

The Forty-fifth Session of the TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION convened with the Baptist Church at Notasulga, Ala., on Wednesday, October 15, 1890.

The services were opened at 10½ o'clock, by the Moderator, Rev. G. A. Hornady, reading the xxvii. Psalm. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, of the Liberty Association.

By request of the Moderator, Brethren Love and Saunders collected the letters, and Brethren Bledsoe and Saunders read the same, and the delegates present registered as follows:

County Line—S. B. Fears, W. S. Adams.
Shiloh—J. P. Arrant.
Opelika—W. E. Hudmon, (Rev. J. E. Herring).
Beulah—Letter—no delegate.
Tuskegee—Rev. G. A. Hornady.
Auburn—Rev. F. T. Hudson, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Rev. J. M. Quarles, J. L. Binford, S. W. Wilkinson, A. Lloyd.
Salem—Rev. C. W. Buck, E. W. Solomons, Dr. L. M. Love, M. T. Whitman.
La Place—W. T. Hayden.
Rocky Mount—Geo. Blackmon, W. W. King, John Howard.
Concord, (Macon County)—J. W. Gunn, Robt. Jennings.
Elam—Chas. Huguley, T. O. Wright.
Liberty—No delegates.
Philadelphia—W. T. Thompson, J. D. Carrell.
Society Hill—Rev. S. R. Grimes, J. W. Copeland, B. S. Lunsford.
Union Grove—Smith Jarrell, James Whitman.
Pleasant Hill—J. L. Collins.
Cubahatchee—Rev. J. J. Cloud, D. R. Segrest, W. H. Simmons.
Loachapoka—F. E. Hanie, N. G. Macon, J. L. Wise.
Pleasant Grove—G. W. Meadors, W. S. Lawson.
Notasulga—Rev. E. F. Baber, Rev. H. C. Saunders, D. B. M[illegible]eran.
Concord, (Lee County)—R. A. Tillery.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to present themselves. Responded to as follows:

Liberty Association—Elds. Z. D. Roby, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Hunter.

Harris Association—Eld. G. E. Brewer, R. E. Lindsey.

Muscle Shoals Association—Eld. J. E. Herring.

Alabama Baptist—Eld. C. W. Hare.

Tallapoosa River Association—M. E. Parker.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On motion of Bro. J. J. Cloud, the present officers were re-elected by acclamation: Rev. G. A. Hornady, Moderator; Rev. C. W. Buck, Clerk; E. W. Solomons, Treasurer.

Bro. Baber, pastor of Notasulga, made some remarks of welcome to the Association in behalf of the church and community.

Representatives to attend corresponding bodies were appointed as follows:

East Liberty Association—(To meet with Camp Hill Church, Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1891,) G. A. Hornady, J. M. Love, E. W. Solomons, C. W. Buck, Nat Macon, G. W. Gunn, S. B. Fears.

Montgomery Association—J. J. Cloud.

Harris Association—(To meet at Phenix City, Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1891,) C. W. Buck, F. T. Hudson, M. W. Whitman, E. W. Solomons.

Tallapoosa River—F. T. Hudson.

State Convention—(Mobile, November 7, 1890,) C. W. Buck, G. A. Hornady, J. J. Cloud, W. E. Hudmon, E. F. Baber, W. E. Lloyd.

Appointed Committee on Preaching for this session: H. C. Saunders, J. M. Vaughn, J. M. Love.

Committees to report at next session:

On Documents and State of Religion—J. M. Love, D. R. Segrest, N. G. Macon.

On Missions—E. F. Baber, W. W. King, John J. Cloud.

On Education—W. C. Saunders, F. T. Hudson, E. W. Solomons.

On Temperance—C. W. Buck, Geo. Blackmon, W. H. Simmons.

On Sabbath Schools—J. M. Quarles, F. T. Hudson, J. W. Gunn.

On Deceased Ministers—M. W. Whitman, G. A. Meadors.

Representative to Southern Baptist Convention (to meet at Birmingham May 19, 1891,) Rev. G. A. Hornady, Rev. C. W. Buck, alternate.

By request, Bro. Hare addressed the Association on the con-

dition of the work throughout the State, and the efforts being made to put the *Alabama Baptist* in the mountain regions of the State.

The following brethren gave each $1 to send a copy of the *Baptist* to indigent and deserving ministers in the State: Roby, Love, Brewer, Whitman, Hornady, Hudson, Bledsoe, Hudmon, Herring, Saunders, Solomens—$11.

On motion, adjourned to 1½ P. M., for dinner.

Dismissed by benediction by Bro. Herring.

EVENING SESSION.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment by singing. Prayer by Bro. G. E. Brewer.

Committee on Bible and Colporteur Work, to report at this session of the Association, Hudmon, Love and Hudson.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Was read and adopted, as follows:

In reviewing the field, we find that the question of temperance is growing in the minds and hearts of our people, and that for the better. Baptists are more in favor of the prohibition law than ever before. We need a stronger public sentiment to back up the prohibition law. We heartily endorse the resolution passed by the Association last year, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, signing petitions to sell, and drinking as a beverave or social custom, are unscriptural, unchristian and demoralizing."

Respectfully submitted, H. C. SAUNDERS.

The question was discussed very freely by Brethren Saunders, Buck, Hare, Quarles, Love, and others. "There never was a time when the churches demanded a better record from the membership on this subject, than now." Every Christian professor is counted *against*, if not publicly and privately for, temperance. "A Christian's breath foul with the fumes of alcohol or wine, does more against the temperance cause than the saloon keeper."

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION

Read as follows, and adopted:

We find that most of the churches report an advance in Mission and Sabbath School spirit, if we are to judge by the work done; also an increase of interest in the reading of religious papers and books.

The churches are more fully represented by their delegations than last year. We earnestly urge upon the churches to send their leading and most representative men to meet with the churches as delegates, to help build up and advise in the great work of the Master in our midst.

We regret to find that our brethren of the Philadelphia Church have asked for a letter of dismission from this Association, to join the Harris Association. We recommend that the letter be granted.

The Church at Rocky Mount has asked for the next session of the Association to be held with them.

We rejoice to find that only two of our churches are without a regular pastor, and nearly all report Sunday Schools in active operation. We find that most of our Associational field is occupied, if not fully cultivated. We suggest to the pastors that they see the fields around them are properly occupied, or notify the Executive Committee of the wants of such fields; and let us see that the work in our own midst is not neglected. Respectfully submitted.

C. W. Buck, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Secretary was directed to prepare and furnish a letter of dismission to Philadelphia Church, in accordance with their request, and forward the same.

Report on Education was called for, and after reading, was recommitted to the Committee for advisement, to be reported upon at 12 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Dr. Roby.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.—The appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon having removed from the State, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, of the East Liberty Association, in answer to a special request, preached to an appreciative congregation from the text, Phil. iv. 13: "I can do all things through Christ," etc.

After the sermon the Association adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, after devotional exercises, and prayer by Bro. Hunter.

The Executive Committee was elected as follows: W. E. Hudmon, G. A. Hornady, E. F. Baber, J. M. Love, J. C. Coudon.

On motion, Rocky Mount Church was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Association.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Called for, and after reading and considerable discussion, adopted as follows:

From the letters, we are happy to report that a large majority of the churches have regular Sunday Schools, and only regret there are any without. Some of the country churches have had summer schools, but have permitted them to go into "hibernation." While we appreciate the difficulties of keeping up a regular Sunday School in a sparsely settled neighborhood, we would raise the query: Is not the benefit worth all and more than the difficulties will cost? The Sunday School work is a field in which all can take a useful part, especially the sisters. We find that

they, generally, are the most efficient teachers. They have the faculty of impressing the young mind much more successfully then men: therefore, we earnestly urge upon them that they give this home and neighborhood work their active and prayerful attention. At the same time, we insist that all members of the church, as far as practicable, be members of the Sunday School also. W. E. Hudmon.

Dr. Love needed no better evidence of the blessings of the Sunday School than the fact of the number of the children who came to the church from the Sunday School. The Sunday School training generally made them more useful and efficient church members.

Dr. Lloyd had observed that conversion was not dependent on age; children under Sunday School and proper home and religious training, arrived at a knowledge of the truth through spirit direction at an earlier period than formerly. No one could estimate the influence of the Sunday School upon the church's prosperity and power.

Bro. Cloud was so impressed with the importance of Sunday School work in his field, that he had determined not to preach to a church, as pastor, that would not try to have a Sunday School.

Bro. Grimes would not say as much as Bro. Cloud; he, himself, would preach to such a church, and try to teach them their error, and lead them to a better knowledge.

Dr. Buck was glad to state that nearly every church in the Association either had a Sunday School in successful operation, or had during the year a Sunday School within the limits of their jurisdiction, which proved the existence of the Sunday School sentiment, though some of them were not now in operation.

Bro. Hare thought the country protracted meetings and camp meetings had something to do with disbanding many of the country schools. Many teachers and scholars neglected their Sunday School duties to run off to these meetings. It was a question if they did not lose more than they gained by this visiting.

Several others spoke on the subject, but the hour for preaching having arrived, the discussion was closed to hear the Missionary Sermon.

Bro. Baber, the appointee from last session to preach the sermon, being the pastor of the church, desired the Association to ask Rev. G. E. Brewer to fill the pulpit at that sermon. In

accordance of which appointment, Bro. Brewer preached at 11 o'clock A. M., to a good audience, (notwithstanding the rain which had been falling all the morning, and the night before,) from 1 Kings, xviii. 21: "Why wilt thou halt between two opinions?"

After the sermon, a collection for Missions was taken up, amounting to $17.10, and divided between the several mission objects. (See Statistical Table.)

Adjourned to 1½ P. M., for dinner.

1½ P. M.—Association convened according to adjournment, with singing and prayer.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

was read by Bro. Cloud, and after a free discussion by Brethren Quarles, Hornady, Saunders, Lloyd, Baber, Hare and Cloud, was adopted, as follows:

The education of our people is a subject to which our great denomination must give special attention. Our position in the State, religiously, socially, morally, politically, financially, and in everything else, positively demands that we educate. The great Baptist idea should be Religion first, and Education next. We live in an educated age. Our surroundings, circumstances and conditions are educational. Who knows but for the very purpose of educating, God hath raised us up and given to us such influence and prominence in the world. The only people on God's earth who gives the Bible to the world just as God gave it, should and must be an educated people. God has brought us forward, lifted us up, and made us very conspicuous among men, and we dare not fall short of our high calling. We would entail a great affliction, if not a curse, upon this age and upon our own sons and daughters, should we fail to give them the very best education in our power. And now for the accomplishment of this high purpose, and for the gratification of a proud but sanctified ambition, we have established Howard College at Birmingham, and the Judson Institute at Marion, where this grand object can be fully realized. And it affords us the greatest pleasure to witness the prosperity of these two institutions, and to be able to recommend them to our brethren and friends throughout the land. In addition to this, we would call special attention to the education of our young ministers at Howard College, for whom all contributions can be sent to Bro. G. W. Ellis, Sec'y and Treas'r of B'd of Min. Ed., Montgomery, Ala.

J. J. CLOUD.

REPORT OF THE BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE (BOARD) WORKS

Made by Bro. W. E. Hudmon, as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report that this work of the Alabama Baptist State Convention was committed to a new Board, and located at Opelika, at the last session of that body. There was in books and cash turned over to the new Board amounting to $1,800. The State Convention, at its last session, appointed for this work $2,000, but we regret to state only $664 of this amount has been furnished the Board. We find that to successfully carry on this work more funds are badly needed.

Rev. F. T. Hudson, Missionary and Colporteur for the Association, has been very successful, as his report will show. We would urge that

the importance and magnitude of this work is not subordinate to that of any interest now before the denomination, and ask that religious books, Bibles, song-book, etc., be bought from the Colporteurs, and that Sunday School literature, stationery, etc., may be bought from J. B. Collins, Local Secretary of the Board at Opelika, for the same price as from the publishers. All the profits accruing from these sales, go to aid in sustaining our Colportage and Mission works.

We further recommend that the Association and churches take collections for this work, and forward to J. B. Collier, at Opelika.

W. E. Hudmon.

Brethren Hudmon, Lloyd, and others spoke to the subject of report, urging active interest in this very important Mission work.

After adopting the report in connection with this subject, Bro. F. T. Hudson, Missionary and Colporteur of the Association made report of his work, in conjunction with the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that under instructions from the last Association, we employed Rev. F. T. Hudson as Missionary and Colporteur for the Tuskegee Assocaition, for which we agreed to give him $200 for half of his time, of which sum we still owe him $165. We recommend the continuation of his employment for the next Associational year in the same capacity, as his services have been very efficient and most acceptable. E. F. Baber, *Chairman.*

As Colporteur and Evangelist of the Tuskegee Association, I submit the following report, to wit:

Days of service rendered	122
Families visited	2,150
Churches visited	36
Sermons preached	54
Sunday School Addresses	5
Families found without Bibles	282
Number of Bibles donated, 24, value	$ 11 70
Number of Testaments donated, 46, value	21 00
Number of books sold, 839, value	515 50
Pages of Tracts distributed	9,750
Number of miles traveled	1,621

F. T. Hudson, *Evangelist and Colporteur.*

Brother Hudson reported an increased interest among the people in religious literature; many seemed desirous to obtain better books, and inform themselves in relation to denomination interests He thought his success another year would be greater, as the people would prepare themselves to buy books and Bibles when he visited them again, especially when they learn that they can get Family Bibles, as well as others, so much cheaper than from the regular Bible agents going through the country. Most of the

destitution is among the colored people, though there were some white families without a Bible.

Bro. J. J. Cloud desired to pledge $10 for himself, and $10 from Cubahatchee Church, for Colportage work next year.

Rev. J. E. Herring, pastor of Opelika Church, contributed $1 for immediate need.

Rev. G. E. Brewer, as agent of the American Baptist Publishing Society, had privilege granted to present the interest of that Society to the Association, which he did in a few brief remarks, time for adjournment being at hand.

Owing to the arrangement of the railroad trains, it was thought best to dispense with night preaching, and hold an evening session of the Association, to enable the body to finish its business, and permit the delegates to return to their homes without detention.

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Bro. W. E. Lloyd.

EVENING SESSION.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.—Pursuant to adjournment, the Association came together at the appointed hour. The Moderator, Brother Hornady, being compelled to return home on account of sickness, Bro. F. T. Hudson was called to the chair as Moderator *pro tem.*, and after prayer by Bro. Hunter, the Association resumed business by calling for the

REPORT OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

We are glad to report that during the past Associational year, we have not been called upon to mourn the death of any of our ministering brethren, for which mercy we give God thanks.

S. B. FEARS, *Chairman.*

Treasurer E. W. Solomons made his report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.		Home Missions.		State Missions.		Missions Undivided.		Bible and Colportage.		Bible Work—Cash Vouchers.	Church Building Vouchers	Children's Day—Vouchers.	Minutes.	Judson Institute,		Howard College.		Total.
	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.					Cash.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Vouchers.	
Auburn	$ 7 00	$ 9 65	$ 7 00	$23 20	$ 8 80	$ 25 54					$10 00			$ 4 00		$25 00		$10 00	$130 19
Beulah														1 00					1 00
Concord (Lee)	2 75													75					3 50
Concord (Macon)								$ 3 00						1 25					4 25
County Line			2 00				$22 01	3 45						95					28 41
Cubahatchee							30 00							1 50					31 50
Elam	7 59	3 10	7 95											2 90	$2 00		$2 00		31 87
La Place														1 50					9 75
Liberty { Woman's Society					3 15														
Liberty { Church			1 00		5 53	2 17								1 67					13 52
Loachapoka { Sunday School	5 00																		
Loachapoka { Church	10 00		10 00		7 00				$ 3 00					2 00				12 50	49 50
Notasulga { Sunday School					1 65														
Notasulga { Church	3 80			5 50	11 75	1 35								2 20				1 25	27 50
Opelika		10 45		33 80	53 02	34 56				$56 83	11 81			4 00					204 47
Philadelphia	3 00		3 00		5 60		4 20	8 40						2 00					26 20
Pleasant Grove			5 87		5 00	7 60								1 50					19 97
Pleasant Hill	4 65													1 50					6 15
Providence																			
Rocky Mount			50		8 80	1 30			1 00					2 25					13 85
Salem		18 38		6 71		20 29	11 75			10 00	5 45		$1 52	3 00				25 00	102 10
Shiloh	2 25		2 85											1 75					6 85
Society Hill						3 75	11 50							1 00					219 40
Tuskegee		71 90	10 00		20 65	35 35			25 00	10 00		$9 50		3 00		10 00		25 00	9 40
Union Grove	4 00		2 00		2 00									1 40					18 10
Mission Collection	6 55		6 55		4 00				1 00										11 00
Total	$56 59	$113 48	$58 36	$69 21	$152 79	$131 91	$79 46	$14 85	$30 00	$76 83	$27 26	$9 50	$1 52	$40 22	$2 00	$35 00	$2 00	$73 75	$973 43

E. W. SOLOMONS Treasurer, Salem, Ala.

Moved by Dr. W. E. Lloyd—

That after settling with the Evangelist, the remaining unappropriated and undirected funds be applied to the pressing necessities of the Bible and Colportage work, and the Treasurer be directed to pay over the same to the Board at Opelika.

Adopted.

This being a special hour for the consideration of the Mission report, that subject was taken up and read as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

About the close of Paul's ministry, he said, "I have kept the faith." This word faith frequently occurs as a concise way of saying, "I have been obedient to the gospel." Thus we have records of conversions in which we are told of men "becoming obedient to the faith." We are exhorted to "examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith," and counseled to "contend earnestly for the faith."

It was because Paul "kept the faith," that he was so successful in winning souls to Christ. A man may be a Christian who is "weak in the faith," but he cannot be useful to other souls unless he has faith which permeates his nature and becomes a part of his being. It is Christ's doctrine and service that ministers to spiritual invigoration and soul growth. The physical man here puts forth energy only to lose it. It passes over, indeed, into other forms of energy, but so far as we are concerned, it is lost. In reference to steam, we cannot spend and have. Vital force must be renewed through food, or there is loss of vital force in exact proportion to the expenditure. But this is not true in the life of the spirit. Here we not only keep what we spend, but we increase it by using it. No soul was ever the poorer, spiritually, for services rendered to another's spiritual good. Love grows by its own exercise; the soul that gives is better able to give. Ceasing to give, we cease to have; such is the law of love. Giving is sustenance; refusing to give is the starvation of the spirit. Love's growth is in proportion to love's toiling, suffering and giving.

A desire for literary education is rapidly increasing among the people, so has opportunity to make known what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God on the subject of Missions. This being a thinking age, and people reason on that which is presented to them, and thought precedes action, it is quite essential, therefore, that we keep ever before the world, by living voice and written epistles, those truths which God will be pleased to sanctify to the saving of souls. We deem most efficient those documents that reiterate the experience of grace by the heathen, in his own simple way of stating the same.

Respectfully submitted, F. T. HUDSON, *Ch'n Com.*

The subject was interestingly discussed by Brethren Herring, Hunter, Cloud, Lloyd, Baber and Buck—Brethren Herring and Hunter on Foreign Missions, Cloud, Lloyd and Baber on State Missions. Dr. Buck thought we needed more of "*Home Missions*" in the strict sense of the word; not only applying to our neighborhood, our church, our family, but to our own hearts. We *gave* just as *we felt, believe* and *love*. It was impossible for a man

to believe in Christ, follow Christ, love Christ and his cause, and not be a Missionary in action and giving. Our prayers should go with our dollars—too many want their prayers to go with somebody else's dollars. What Christ had he gave. The discussion was necessarily cut off for the want of time.

There seems to be a growing Missionary spirit in many of our churches, at which we rejoice. Let it grow until it shall leaven the whole lump.

Committee on preaching reported appointments for next session: To preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. E. Herring; to preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. W. E. Lloyd.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay over to the Clerk all money sent up for minutes, and the Clerk was ordered to use the same in having the necessary minutes printed and distributed pro rata.

The churches being called upon to say what they would try to do next year for Mission purposes, responded: Opelika and Tuskegee, each, $150; Auburn and Salem, each, $75; Cubahatchee, $50; Loachapoka, $35; Notasulga, LaPlace and Elam, each, $25; Rocky Mount, $20; County Line and Concord (Macon county), each, $15; Society Hill, $12; Liberty Hill, $10; Beulah, $5. Pleasant Hill, Union Grove, Providence, Concord (Lee), and Shiloh, made no response.

For Colportage and Bible work, Opelika and Tuskegee, each, $50; Auburn, $25; Cubahatchee, $20; Salem, $15; LaPlace, $10; Elam, $5; Society Hill, $3—Total, $178.

Resolution offered by Bro. Buck—

Resolved, That this Association tender to the brethren and sisters of the Notasulga Church, and to the citizens of Notasulga, who have so kindly entertained us during the session of the Association, our hearty thanks for their unlimited hospitality and kindness during our stay in their midst.

Carried.

Dr. Buck then said:

Brother Moderator, there is no other matter of business to come before this body at its present session. There are very few here to-night who were members of the Association fifteen years ago, when I was first elected to be your Clerk. Out of the thirty-two churches then composing this Association, only twenty-two are left; the others have left us to join or compose other Associations. But we have no reason to be discouraged. The few who are left have sent up for Missions this year more than double what was done by the whole number then. Yet, we can and should do

more. Let us take courage and go forward. Let us be in earnest, and faithful, for we do not know how short may be our time for doing.

Brother Moderator, I now move that after giving and taking the parting hand by the officers and delegates, this Associotion adjourn to meet with Rocky Mount Church, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1891.

Carried.

While singing the closing hymn, the parting hand was given. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. J. P. Hunter, of the East Liverty Association.

The Moderator then declared the Forty-fifth Session of the Tuskegee Association adjourned.

C. W. BUCK, *Clerk.*

NOTICE.—It was left to each District to arrange their fifth Sunday Meetings, or Ministers' Meetings, as would best suit their convenience. C. W. B., *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, composed of messengers chosen from the different churches constituting it, holding annual sessions at such time and places as it may select.

ART. 2. Believing that churches are independent religious bodies, owing allegiance only to Christ, this Association claims no right to interfere authoritatively with their internal concerns.

ART. 3. This Association shall elect from its membership, at each annual session, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, composed of five brethren, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside over the body, appoint all committees, unless otherwise instructed, and decide all points of order by the rules in Mell's Parliamentary Practice, subject to an appeal to the body.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall take charge of the money and general property of the Association; report in writing at each annual session, the condition of the finances, exhibiting vouchers for all sums paid out; he shall also provide himself with blank receipts, to be filled and handed to the delegates from the several churches, respectively, who may bring up funds; and at the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor the property of the Association in hand.

ART. 7. The Advisory Committee may fill vacancies occurring in its mem-

bership, and shall, under the direction of the Association, manage its business during its adjournment.

ART. 8. At each session, committees of three shall be appointed to report, in writing, the following subjects: Preaching, Documents, Sunday Schools, Missions, Deceased Ministers, Education and Temperance.

ART. 9. Churches wishing to become members of this body, must petition by letter or messengers, and, if found to be scriptural in doctrine and practice, be received to fellowship by vote of the Association, and welcomed by the Moderator.

ART. 10. Churches wishing to change their membership, may petition by letter or messenger, and, if in fellowship with the body be dismissed in due form. Any infringement of the laws of this Association, or departure from the faith and practice of the Scriptures by a church, will be a cause of complaint against such church, and will subject it to the discipline of the body.

ART. 11. Messengers, before being enrolled as members, must present evidence of their appointment, giving also the number of the membership of their church, the number received during the past year by baptism, by letter, and restoration, the number dismissed, expelled and dead, with an account of all the money given to the support of the gospel and general benevolence, the condition of the Sunday School, with statistics, prayer meetings, and other good works engaged in by their churches.

ART. 12. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers; when the membership is fifty, to three; and one for every additional twenty-five, or fractional part thereof.

ART. 13. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 14. The minutes of the Association must be read, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the same in essence and every Divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believe, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper* are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the *wicked* will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION, 1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home.)	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education—Howard College.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	Howard College (building.)	Judson Female Institute (building.)	Sunday School—Children's Day.	Women's Society—Bible Work.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Buildings and Furniture.	Value of Chapel nd Parsonage.
Auburn	$ 30 20	.....	$ 16 65	$ 34 34	.....	.....	$ 4 00	.....	$10 00	$25 00	.....	$10 00	$130 19	$600 00	$ 44 40	$ 3500	$2000
Beulah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	200	.....
Concord, Lee county	.....	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	400	.....
Concord, Macon county	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	$ 3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25	.....	.....	350	.....
County Line	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	25 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 41	100 00	3 00	500	.....
Cubahatchee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 50	125 00	180 00	1500	.....
Elam	7 59	.....	10 69	7 59	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	31 87	100 00	90 00	600	.....
La Place	.....	.....	.....	8 25	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 75	.....	.....	850	.....
Liberty	1 00	.....	.....	7 70	.....	.....	1 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 52	.....	.....	500	.....
" Women's Society	.....	.....	.....	3 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loachapoka	10 00	.....	10 00	7 00	$ 3 00	.....	2 00	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	49 50	100 00	15 00	1000	.....
" Sunday School	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Notasulga	5 50	.....	3 80	13 10	.....	$1 25	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 50	.....	.....	1000	.....
" Sunday School	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Opelika	33 80	.....	10 45	87 58	56 83	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 81	204 47	566 05	315 00	12300	.....
Philadelphia	3 00	.....	3 00	5 60	.....	.....	2 00	12 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 20	.....	.....	650	.....
Pleasant Grove	5 87	.....	.....	12 60	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 97	.....	.....	300	.....
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	4 65	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 15	.....	.....	300	.....
Providence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	.....
Rocky Mount	50	.....	.....	10 10	1 00	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 85	135 90	91 55	600	.....
Salem	6 71	.....	18 38	20 29	10 00	.....	3 00	11 75	25 00	.....	$1 52	5 45	102 10	200 00	20 00	750	.....
Shiloh	2 85	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 85	.....	.....	600	.....
Society Hill	.....	.....	.....	3 75	.....	.....	1 00	11 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 25	.....	.....	700	.....
Tuskegee	10 00	$9 50	71 90	56 00	35 00	.....	3 00	.....	25 00	10 00	.....	.....	219 40	900 00	486 00	20000	2000
Union Grove	2 00	.....	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 40	.....	.....	600	.....
Cash Mission Collection	6 55	.....	6 55	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cash Collected for Alabama Baptist	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$127 57	$9 50	$170 07	$284 70	$106 83	$1 25	$40 22	$94 31	$74 50	$37 00	$1 52	$27 26	$973 43	.....	.....	.....	.....

G. A. HORNADY, Moderator, Tuskegee, Ala.

C. W. BUCK, Clerk, Salem, Ala.

Session of 1890 held with Notasulga Church, Macon county, on October 15th and 16th, 1890.

STATISTICS OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION, 1890.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership	Sunday School.				Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Superintendent.	Superintendents' Postoffice	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.		
Auburn	Lee	W. E. Lloyd	W. B. Frazer	Auburn, Ala	3	...	96	4	4	4	...	5	2	1	1	95	Dr. T. H. Frazer	Auburn	9	91	1,3 & 4	1
Beulah	Russell	S. R. Grimes	C. H. Johns	Guerryton, Ala	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	14	...	...	...	...	1	...
Concord	Lee	None	R. W. Dixon	Mott's Station, Ala	..	1	31	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	20	R. A. Tillery	Mott's	4	20	1	...
Concord	Macon	H. C. Saunders	J. B. Zachery	Notasulga, Ala	...	...	45	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	44	...	...	5	23	4	...
County Line	Lee	G. D. Benton	L. C. Adams	Salem, Ala	1	...	38	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	34	...	...	...	...	4	...
Cubahatchee	Macon	J. J. Cloud	F. M. Letcher	Shorter's Station, Ala	1	...	70	...	1	...	1	5	...	...	1	65	F. M Letcher	Shorter's	9	95	1	...
Elam	Lee	H. C. Saunders	L. A. Wright	Auburn, Ala	...	...	47	5	4	5	1	2	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	...	1	...
La Place	Macon	H. C. Saunders	R. G. Williams	La Place, Ala	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	39	Y. Swearengen	La Place	6	33	3	...
Liberty	Lee	E. F. Baber	R. B. Wright	Opelika, Ala	...	...	60	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	58	...	...	...	...	2	...
Loachapoka	Lee	I. P. Hunter	F. E. Hanie	Loachapoka, Ala	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	0	55	F. E. Hani	Loachapoka	4	30	3	...
Notasulga	Macon	E. F. Baber	L B Vaughn	Notasulga, Ala	3	...	54	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	57	B. B. McLearen	Notasulga	6	46	1	...
Opelika	Lee	I. E. Herring	J. J. Smith	Opelika, Ala	1	...	172	...	5	...	...	8	6	...	3	160	J. C. Coudon	Opelika	13	125	Reg.	1
Philadelphia	Lee	G. D. Benton	L. L. Mullen	Smith's Station, Ala	...	...	54	1	3	1	...	0	0	...	1	51	...	...	...	...	2	...
Pleasant Grove	Lee	None	D. W. Echols	Salem, Ala	...	...	68	2	...	2	...	5	2	...	2	61	...	...	...	...	2	...
Pleasant Hill	Macon	S. R. Grimes	J. H. Collins	Notasulga, Ala	...	...	56	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	2	...
Providence	Lee	Not reported		Young's Station, Ala	...	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	...	3	...
Rocky Mount	Lee	E. F. Baber	W. W. King	Mechanicsville, Ala	1	...	42	7	2	7	0	2	1	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	1	...
Salem	Lee	Z. D. Roby	D. W. Floyd, M. D.	Salem, Ala	1	1	64	2	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	62	W. A. Thronton	Salem	9	75	2	1
Shiloh	Russell	J. R Clements	G. W. Hinguley	Crawford, Ala	...	...	87	5	4	5	...	10	5	0	3	78	...	...	...	...	4	0
Society Hill	Macon	F. T. Hudson	A. H. Rutherford	Society Hill, Ala	1	...	26	0	4	0	0	4	0	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	3	...
Tuskegee	Macon	G. A. Hornady	T. J. Threadgill	Tuskegee, Ala	1	1	104	7	0	7	0	2	4	...	2	103	Not given	Tuskegee	12	74	Reg.	1
Union Grove	Lee	J. B. Clements	W. D Norman	Opelika, Ala	1	...	62	2	6	2	1	6	1	...	...	65	...	...	...	...	3	...
				Total	14	3	1466	35	37	35	3	73	24	3	18	1295	...	...	77	612	...	4

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